

**Amendments to the Specification:**

To properly designate a registered trademark referred to in the specification, please replace paragraph [0043] of the specification as filed with the following paragraph:

**[0043]** Stoppers in accordance with the invention can be formed by any suitable method. Injection molding is one particularly suitable method and permits the various elements of the stopper, including the filter to be integrally formed with the other portions of the stopper, including the cap and attaching strand. Any suitable material can be used to make a stopper in accordance with the invention. For example, rubber or resins, natural or synthetic, may be used and should be food compatible or food grade. One such resin is Santoprene® resin.